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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(d)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(d), the Applicants file the information submitted herewith and listed on Form PTO-1449 in connection with the above-identified application.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.97(e), the Applicants, through the undersigned attorney of record, hereby state that each item of information contained in the accompanying Form PTO-1449 was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement. Accordingly, no fee is required.

The references listed on the accompanying Form PTO-1449 were cited by the European Patent Office in a communication from the International Searching Authority in connection with a PCT application that claims priority to the above-identified application. A copy of the communication bearing the date of mailing of November 4, 2002 is submitted herewith along with Form PTO-1449 and copies of the references listed thereon.

The Examiner is requested to consider carefully the complete text of the enclosed references in connection with the examination of this Application. It is requested that the listed references be

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